

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1,3-11, 13, 16, 19-32, and 34-47 are pending, in which claims 3, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 10, 19, 24, 29-31, 34-36, and 42 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced. These changes are made to permit the allowance of the case based on the Examiner's helpful suggestions and are not believed to raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2009 objected to claims 34-37, and 40 based on insufficient antecedent basis, and rejected claims 10, 11, 13, 16, 29-32, 34-39, and 41-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 2, 4-9, 19-28, 40, and 47 are allowed.

As an initial matter, Applicants note an apparent error with respect to the claim objection. Specifically, the claims depending upon canceled claim 33 are claims 34-36, and 42, not claims 34-37, and 40. Thus, Applicants have amended the appropriate claims, thereby overcoming the objection.

With respect to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicants have amended independent claims 10, and 29-31 to replace the feature of "the broadcast communications channel is separate from the bi-directional network," with opening "a broadcast communications channel via a broadcasting network separate from the bi-directional network," which is present in allowable independent claims 1, 19, and 25.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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